

United slip up badly in the icy conditions

A JADED Cambridge United slipped and slithered to their second Southern League defeat in five days when they lost to a smart Kings Lynn side at Newmarket Road on Saturday. It was the fourth time lucky for the Linnets. Already this season they have lost in the Southern League Cup and drawn an Eastern Professional Floodlight League game at the Abbey Stadium and lost the Floodlight League game at the Walkes.

They thoroughly deserved Saturday's victory as they mastered the conditions far better than the U's. Lynn used the long passing game, while their opponents persisted with short man-to-man football, despite the fact that

Cambridge U. 1, Kings Lynn 3
(Attendance 2,718)

the players had difficulty in keeping their feet on the icy surface. Only McVittie and Kelly could claim they had a good game. The little left-winger showed that close ball control and nimble feet could master the conditions, while the United skipper used all his experience at a time when things were going wrong for his side.

Scurr and Hobbs between them missed an open goal in the first seconds of the match, and the centre-forward headed against the base of the post at the start of the second half when a goal would have put the home side level and in with a fair chance of both points.

Other than these two incidents and a typical Haasz goal in the 36th minute, United had little to offer. So often they persisted in putting the ball in the air, where Baker was always in command.

The strange move, as the U's do not have anyone in the forward line who is strong in the air.

seventh and ninth minutes. Both times Bacon, on the right wing, made the chances and Williamson and King were the scorers.

Only mistake

Haasz pulled one back for United following Walls' only mistake in the 36th minute. The goalkeeper punched a corner straight to the Hungarian, who controlled the ball before hitting it home, despite a brave effort by Edwards to head clear.

After Hobbs had headed against the post in the 47th minute, Lynn hit back and Partridge added a third goal from a long corner by Bacon.

This was enough for the visitors, and they coasted without much effort through the rest of the game to victory.

United: Slack, Boggis, Jones, Gibson, Kelly, Finch, Day, Haasz, Hobbs, Scurr, McVittie.

Lynn: Walls, Proverbs, White, Williamson, Baker, Wright, Bacon, Edwards, King, Laverick, Partridge.



Above: United's Johnny Haasz shoots and a split second later Lynn's inside-right, Edwards (No. 8), diverts the ball into the net. Below: the referee watches as United's Jimmy Gibson "hands" instead of heads in front of the Lynn goal.

Saturday summary

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Cambridge United 1 (Haasz), King's Lynn 3. Attendance 2,718. Wisbech Town 2, Cambridge City (Spears 2, Bailham 2). Attendance 1,305.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CUP
Cambridge City Res. 0, Dartford Res. 2.

Sr. Neots 0, Bedford Town Res. 1

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE
Ely City 2, Clacton 5. Yarmouth v Newmarket Town (pp.). Lowestoft v Haverhill (pp.). Norwich City 'A' v Soham Town Rangers (pp.).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE
Cheshunt 8, Histon 1.

League leaders were flattered by score

Ely City 2, Clacton 5

DON'T be misled by the score line. Eastern Counties League leaders Clacton, did not win quite so easily as might appear on Boxing Day.

Ely had just as much of the play but were inferior on two counts. The link-up between defence and attack was not as good as it ought to have been, and they did not show the same finishing power as Clacton, even though they had almost as many chances.

On a snow covered pitch, Ely had the incentive of a tenth minute lead. Tony Morton's cross shot was not particularly hard but it was still sufficiently strong to beat reserve goalkeeper Smith as he scrambled vainly along his line. Yet City failed to appreciate that goalkeepers were at a disadvantage in the below zero conditions, particularly against long-range shots.

Two of Clacton's goals came from 25 and 35 yards range respectively but Ely would not heed the lesson.

and even when a bad defensive error let Godfrey in for another goal they still kept hitting hard. In the last 25 minutes they piled on real pressure but if they were not shooting inaccurately, they were holding back just long enough for the compact Clacton defence to cover up even more tightly. Tony Morton got a 70th minute goal, but for all Ely's efforts they could not reduce the arrears further. Peter Youngs did get the ball in the net but it was disallowed for a foul.

Some petty show of temper near the end was regrettable but, on a bitterly cold day, it added a little spice to an entertaining game watched, unfortunately, by very few people.

Footnote: Before he could leave his Norwich home for Ely, referee G. V. Clarke had to dig a way through the snow to get his car out of the garage.



Postponed

The Lowestoft v Haverhill Eastern Counties League fixture, due to be played today was postponed because there is five inches of snow on the Lowestoft pitch. No new date has yet been arranged. Haverhill's Boxing Day fixture at Lowestoft in the Eastern Counties League Cup was also called off of the previous night because of the icy conditions. This meant that Haverhill were without a game throughout the Christmas holiday week-end.

Their new signing, Noel Kearney, was to have made his debut in the right wing. His first appearance with the Rovers will be in their first match with March in the Eastern Counties League Cup next Saturday.

Two managers get F.A. letters

The Football Association announce that they have asked Jimmy Hagan, manager of West Bromwich Albion, and Freddie Cox, manager of Gillingham, to give written undertakings not to repeat statements likely to bring the game into disrepute.

The F.A. have not received further communication from either manager.

Southern League

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelmsford	23	13	4	6	51	34	30
Weymouth	19	12	4	3	42	20	28
Worcester	19	11	3	5	46	21	25
Cambridge	18	13	9	7	44	35	26
Dartford	19	10	4	5	37	22	24
Yeovil	19	10	3	6	32	22	22
Macclesfield	18	9	4	4	40	22	22
Guildford	18	6	9	3	34	24	21
Cambridge City	20	8	4	8	35	25	20
Chesham	19	8	6	5	29	20	20
King's Lynn	20	5	10	5	32	37	29
Bexley	19	9	1	9	38	31	19
Numsington	17	7	5	5	22	23	19
Chatham	19	7	6	6	30	27	19
Folkestone	21	6	7	8	35	44	19
Bedford	21	6	7	8	29	42	19
Hastings	19	8	3	3	30	16	16
Romford	20	6	4	10	27	39	16
Wisbech	20	6	3	11	40	54	15
Wellington	21	4	5	12	30	43	13
Rugby	20	3	12	5	34	58	13
Bath	19	5	1	13	24	38	11

Spirited

A devastating spell midway through the first half brought precise, footballing Clacton, goals from Meagher (2) and Godfrey and when Covenagh banged in a superb drive immediately after the resumption the points were as good as in the seaisiders' bag.

Yet Ely fought back spiritedly

Attack was shot-shy

St. Neots 0, Bedford Reserves 1. A goal ten minutes from the put St. Neots out of the Metropolitan League Challenge Cup — but they could have been through to the second round long before Bedford's shock goal.

Despite the hard pitch, the Saints produced some promising football which would have paid dividends with a marksman up front.

Ray Sutton, deputising at inside-right for Barry Hawkes, was the star of the attack and seemed at home in the conditions.

He had a couple of good efforts blocked, but generally the St. Neots attack was shot-shy, although Whitby nearly caught 'keeper Hawksworth napping with a first time drive and a Brand Reuser was kicked off the line at one height of the second half pressure.

Left-back Avis and centre-half Anderson were in top form for Bedford, who were also well served by 'keeper Hawksworth.

The St. Neots defence had some uncomfortable moments and gave their own attack extra work with inaccurate passes, and, at times, poor feeding.

It was hesitancy in the 80th minute by the St. Neots defenders which allowed Lovell to make ground on the right wing before sending over a cross which Cleary rose to head past Reedman to repeat Bedford's win last season over St. Neots in the same round of the competition.

Eastern Counties League

Clacton	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clacton	8	7	1	0	32	11	15
Lowestoft	8	6	1	1	32	20	13
Sudbury	8	4	0	4	19	9	8
Soham T. Rangers	4	0	2	20	10	5	5
Stowmarket	6	3	1	2	14	13	7
Haverhill R.	6	3	0	3	20	15	6
Yarmouth	4	3	0	1	16	10	5
Thetford	5	2	1	2	17	13	5
Gothic	6	2	1	3	14	21	5
Newmarket	8	1	3	4	14	22	5
King's Lynn Res.	3	0	6	22	34	4	2
Ely	7	1	1	5	13	30	3
March	5	0	2	3	7	12	2
Norwich (A)	4	0	1	3	7	21	1

Histon collapse at Cheshunt

Cheshunt 8, Histon 1. There was little to choose between the teams in the first half of this Athenian League division two match played at Cheshunt on a frozen pitch covered by a thin layer of snow. But basement tenants Histon collapsed after the interval and crashed to their eleventh league defeat.

Robuck gave Cheshunt the lead after only three minutes while Hill added a second before the interval. Robuck scored a second soon after the change of ends but Histon's left winger, Barnard, reduced the arrears within a minute of Robuck's second goal.

Other second half goals for Cheshunt were obtained by Robuck (2), Hill (2) and Lock in the last ten minutes of the game.

Operation for Orritt

Brian Orritt, the Middlebrough wing-half, injured against New-castle on Boxing Day, is to go into hospital for a cartilage operation. He is the third Middlebrough player to have an operation this season.

Ellis hits cup hat-trick for Elsenham

Elsenham 5, Debden 3

ELSENHAM were the winners of the 1963/4 Saffron Walden and District Cup final at Caton's Lane, Saffron Walden on Boxing Day. They scored twice in the last ten minutes of the replay with Debden, to snatch a 5-3 victory to retain the cup.

Elsenham defeated Debden 5-4 in the 1962-63 final and the teams shared 10 goals when the standard final was played early in September.

It looked like being another stalemate on Saturday when, after 10 minutes the score stood at 3-3, but a goal against the run of play gave Elsenham the lead. Two minutes from the end Elsenham clinched matters with another goal.

Debden, however, who were on top at the start of this match, played on a pitch covered by two inches of snow, and not surprisingly, took the lead after seven minutes when Griffin scored from a left-wing cross by Roberts.

Hit crossbar

Elsenham almost equalised shortly afterwards when inside-left Jones hit the crossbar. Elsenham gradually came more into the game and midway through the half equalised the scores through right-winger Ellis who scored after he had chipped the ball over goalkeeper Moolle's head.

A rather lucky goal by inside-right Jaggard gave Elsenham the lead just before half-time when his centre from the right wing curled into the net.

Five minutes after the interval,

Victory for veteran Caswell

The veteran Kettering cross-country runner, John Caswell, won the Bedford to St. Neots 12-mile race on Saturday in 63 minutes 32 seconds, five minutes outside the course record.

He was followed nearly seven minutes later by C. Hunn, of the South London Harriers, and third was D. Powell, from Icknield. Has D. Powell, from Icknield. Has D. Powell, from Icknield. Has D. Powell, from Icknield.

T. G. Cole, of the Cambridge and Coleridge Athletic Club, was fourth in 67 minutes 22 seconds.

The oldest competitor, 45-year-old F. Wright, of Peterborough, finished 11th in 77 minutes seven seconds. He has competed in every race since the first, 17 years ago.

There was a close finish to the relay, with the final Kettering and Windsor runners only yards apart as they crossed the river bridge towards the finishing line.

Kettering were the winners in 58 minutes 29 seconds, with Wind-

sor, last year's winners, three seconds behind. Luton finished third.

The relay for youth teams was won by Windsor, with Wellingborough second and Bedford and County third.

One of the runners brought from the Mayor of Bedford, Coun. G. R. Bailey, a message of goodwill to the chairman of the St. Neots Urban Council, Mr. J. Brooks, who presented the prizes.

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Alan Spears netted two goals. Eddie Bailham scored the other two. Reg Pearce was in fine form.

City confidently stride into top half of table

CAMBRIDGE CITY started their Christmas programme in fine style by taking both the points from Wisbech on Boxing Day; yet they crossed over at the interval down by the only goal scored.

Wisbech 2, Cambridge City 4 (Attendance 1,305)

Wisbech kept the City's defence really on the run and Reg Pearce, the left-half, was in fine form as he and his partner, Brendan McNally, on the other flank, broke up the attacks.

This win has now put them in the top half of the Southern League's Premier Division for the first time this season and they have a chance to add to their spoils tonight when the return match with Wisbech is due to be played at Milton Road (kick-off 7.15 p.m.).

Bill Heath, in goal, was outstanding. Indeed, there was only one mistake in the period and that was when left winger Alan Withers was allowed to get in a shot from an angle. The ball went away from Bill Heath and entered the net off the far post.

than Wisbech, came back immediately for Bailham to restore the two goals lead in the 78th minute when he scrambled a shot home. From then on the visitors coasted to the final whistle and Wisbech looked a well beaten side at the end.

Wisbech: Chandler; Moore, Jackson; Howell, Clarkson, Jacobs; Woods, Turner, Platt, Devitt, Withers.

City: Heath; Carroll, Poole; Pearce, McGuigan, McNally; Spears, Moyle, Bailham, Bircumshaw, Wall.

There was not much to choose between the teams in the first 45 minutes, although Wisbech had taken the lead in the 17th minute. But earlier than this and a little later City's centre forward, Eddie Bailham, had stinging shots well taken by goalkeeper Chandler and he missed one chance in front of the home goal.

Two minutes after half-time Alan Spears, City's right winger, scored the first of his two goals to equalise.

Inside-right Alec Moyle worked the ball down the left, centered and Bailham flicked it on for the winger to run on to it and shoot first time.

In good form Reserves disappoint

It was not until the last 15 minutes before the interval that Cambridge City Res. 0, Dartford Res. 2 (Attendance 150)

This Metropolitan League game was a typical after Christmas Day match with little over which to enthuse. There was no score by the interval, but soon afterwards the visitors netted and added a second goal 15 minutes from the end.

Three minutes later Bailham scored City's third goal and it was all over but the shouting. He juggled with a cross from Spears that was completely missed by left-back Jackson and just managed to get it past Chandler.

City were worried once more when right winger Dennis Woods put Wisbech back in the game when he hammered home a shot after Withers crossed the ball. At first the City defender stood still as the ball crossed the goalmouth and, although Heath got a hand to the ball, he could not stop it going over the line.

One might have expected a home victory after the City Reserves' good run recently when both Arsenal and Charlton conceded the points.

There were then 15 minutes to go and City, who were now mastering the atrocious conditions better

Grammar schools beat Middlesex

Although several changes were made to the original selection owing to illness and injury the combined Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Grammar Schools' side beat a strong Middlesex G.S. team 4-3 at Wembley Park.

Kicking up a pronounced slope the combined side took the lead through Skipp, but shortly before half-time Middlesex equalised through Wilcox.

In the second half the visitors went further ahead through goals by Youngs, Skipp and Souter, but Middlesex fought back to score two late goals. The combined team gave a good account of themselves and their victory augurs well for the future.

The next match is against Lincolnshire at Lincoln on January 4.

Metropolitan League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gillingham	23	7	4	2	28	32	38
Tottenham	21	16	1	4	56	16	31
Wimbledon	20	13	5	1	40	37	31
Arsenal	23	13	3	7	56	31	29
West Ham	21	14	1	6	44	28	29
Bury Town	20	12	4	7	44	39	28
Woodford	21	10	5	6	44	44	25
Chatham	21	10	4	7	46	46	24
Chertsey	19	8	7	4	35	39	18
Romford	22	7	5	10	41	57	19
Guilford	22	7	4	11	40	46	18
Bedford	20	7	4	9	41	48	18
Charlton	21	7	4	10	41	48	18
Chelmsford	23	7	3	13	40	45	17
Dunstable	18	5	7	29	30	17	17
St. Neots	22	5	4	7	45	39	18
Bexley	22	5	6	11	36	45	16
Dartford	19	5	5	9	46	46	15
Cambridge City	22	5	3	13	39	53	15
Chesham	23	4	5	13	35	67	13
Met. Police	15	4	7	15	26	12	12
Luton	24	4	4	16	41	77	12

Ray White in form

The touring M.C.C. team beat an Argentine Cricket Association XI by an innings and 231 runs in a two-day match which ended in Buenos Aires yesterday.

Ray White, who is to captain Cambridge University next year, hit 108 for the tourists.

Scores: Argentine Cricket Association 90 and 82 (J. Martin 4 for 31); M.C.C. 403 (R. C. White 108).

The hard-hit North

THERE is no racing scheduled for tomorrow, a fact which, in view of the wrecked holiday fare and frozen outlook, is undoubtedly just as well for all concerned.

Next fixture due for decision is the single-day Fontwell Park meeting on Wednesday, a six-race card highlighted by the sponsored Ovaline Cup, a hurdles event.

Warwick hope to ring out the old year on Thursday with a one-day meeting, while Catterick Bridge, Liverpool and Windsor, are scheduled to greet the advent of 1965 on Friday and Saturday.

Although the current winter has until now dealt kindly with National Hunt racing, the pinch is already being felt in the North where no racing has been seen since the Newcastle meeting on Saturday, December 5.

The combination of a fixtures shortage during early December and the present freeze-up is hitting North Country stables hard.

Northern casualties to date are Catterick Bridge (December 19), Sedgfield, Wetherby and Market Rasen (Boxing Day), and Wetherby today.

Here, however, is a warning thought on an otherwise bleak racing front. The Cambridge News racing correspondent last Thursday gave three winners from three Saturday runners at Kempton Park—Fine Arts (65-9), Frenchman's Cove (11-4) and Manhattan II (11-10) on Winning Newton. Abbot selections were: Poleuse (evens) and Complete Treasure (3-1).

In semi-finals

John Clifton, of Edinburgh, reached the semi-finals of the World International tennis tournament for players under 21 when he beat Italian Sergio Palmieri 6-3, 6-1 in Paris yesterday.

Sangster beaten

Mike Sangster, of Britain, was beaten 8-6 by Indian Davis Cup player Jaideep Mukerjee in a one-set exhibition match in Calcutta on Sunday.

Scots give English soccer a big boost

THERE is no doubt about it, English soccer crowds love a personality. Stanley Matthews in his heyday was one. Jimmy Greaves, of Tottenham is another, but best of all of the present generation is Denis Law, the fair-haired Scottish genius whose inspiration has done a lot to put Manchester United on top.

Bobby Collins, also a Scot, is another whose ability has brought success to Leeds United while Tommy Docherty, manager of Chelsea, has shown that he possesses the personality and drive to make the Stamford Bridge club a power in the land.

Recently a season ticket holder watching Chelsea in action at Stamford Bridge remarked: "Thank goodness the Scots do not have the same financial set up in their football as we do. Where would Chelsea be without them?"

Bargain area

The answer is, of course: out of the championship race. Docherty's signing on Tuesday of Tommy McColl from Colchester means that there are now nine Scots on the professional staff.

While Docherty prefers to seek out his talent young and develop them himself, other Football League managers regard Scotland as a bargain area for ready made players and a steady stream of signings make their way south to

better paid English football. Since last season, for instance, there have been ten important signings of Scots by Football League clubs. Those who have transferred their allegiance are Jimmy Irvine, Dundee United to Middlesbrough; Frank Brogan, Celtic to Ipswich; Ernie Hannigan, Queen of the South to Preston North End; Alex McLaughlan, Kilmarnock to Sunderland; Willie Sinclair, Morton to Chelsea; Frank Hailey, Celtic to Swindon; George Miller, Dunfermline to Wolverhampton Wanderers; Jimmy Morrison, Third Lanark to Walsall; Harry Hood, Clyde to Sunderland; and the latest and most important of all, Alan Gilzean from Dundee to Tottenham Hotspur at a Scottish record fee of £72,500.

On the face of it the sum paid by Tottenham can scarcely be reckoned in the bargain class, but it is when compared with the £80,000 paid by Arsenal to Leicester City for Frank McLintock (yet another Scot) and a similar fee handed to Blackburn by Everton for Fred Pickering, one of the England leaders.

When he settles in with his new colleagues at White Hart Lane, Gilzean could well develop into

yet another personality on the league scene. He has the talent, certainly.

Scottish soccer players who reach the top flight have one asset which at times appears to be missing from the make-up of the more phlegmatic Anglo-Saxon type—a deep seated determination to give their utmost when chosen by their country.

False impression

Unfortunately a few Englishmen give the impression, falsely no doubt, of playing for the money rather than the country.

This cannot be held true of the Scots. As Tommy Docherty himself a former international insists: "It is an honour to play for your country. Money does not enter into it and if there was no pay it would make no difference."

Denis Law temporarily "resting" from the game, is a case in point. Well though he plays for Manchester United it is in the Scottish blue that his performances reach the heights.

If only the Celtic zeal could "rub off" on some of the English stars English League football would benefit and perhaps some of the crowds now drifting away would return.

Out of their depth

Downham Town 11, Ely Res. 1

This Boxing Day Peterborough League match ended in a massacre, but for the first 25 minutes there was no hint of the goal rush that was to come.

During that period, a young but not very experienced Ely side had held Downham quite well. Then, Gordon Lupson, a last minute inclusion in the absence of Andy Marshall, injured an ankle. He returned after treatment but was no more than a passenger and took no further part after half-time.

Four goals in the last 15 minutes before the interval put Downham on top, and afterwards there was nothing that the depleted reserves could do to stem the tide. Their consolation goal came two minutes from the end through Harry Machin.

Ely played gamely, but the match merely underlined that they are out of their depth.

Gogs Rifle Club come of age

The Gogs rifle club were joined by members of the Cambridge rifle club when celebrating its coming of age over the Christmas holiday.

The chairman, Mr. Leslie Coe, welcomed the company, adding a special word for the county president, Mr. A. T. Wallace, and Lt. Col. Mantell. It was also a pleasure to entertain Mr. C. Riley and other members of the Cambridge club, he said.

During the evening, Mrs. Mantell presented 30 prizes won in a recent special shoot.

This was the biggest party ever to be held by the Gogs club, and its success was due, in no small measure, to the organising committee of Messrs. L. E. Coe, B. D. Boyd, R. Griggs, D. Jones and B. Whitby.



Denis Law — the biggest personality in British Soccer today.

Pakistan open tour with a victory

THE PAKISTAN cricketers won the opening match of their New Zealand tour when they beat the Province of Northland by ten wickets in a two-day match which ended in Whangerei today.

Northland, who were dismissed for 130 in their first innings in reply to the Pakistanis' total of 306 for nine declared, scored 201 in their second innings. This left the Pakistanis to score 26 for victory.

Stars of the game for the visitors were 17-year-old left-hander, Ghulam Abbas, who hit 74 in their first innings and right-arm googly bowler, Intikhab Alam, who took eight wickets for 56 in the Northland first innings.

In the Northland second innings the acting Pakistani captain, Javed Burki, gave seven players a spell with the ball—to give them practice on the New Zealand wickets, but Intikhab Alam was given a deserved rest after his first innings effort and did not bowl again.

Victoria run spree

Victoria raced to a first innings score of 549 for five declared on the second day of their Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales in Melbourne today.

Ely darts leagues

HEREWARD						
	P	W	L	F	A	P
Littleport Ess.	8	7	1	5	22	
Ely R.A.F.	9	6	3	4	24	
Fountain, Ely	8	6	2	4	28	
George and Dragon	9	5	3	4	47	
Anchor, St. Pham	7	5	2	3	41	
Cherry Tree	7	3	4	3	30	
Fountain, Soham	8	2	7	3	48	
Littleport Cons.	2	6	2	1	21	
Cutter Inn	9	1	8	3	48	

CROMWELL						
	P	W	L	F	A	P
Anchor Sutton	8	7	1	4	29	
Black Bull	7	5	1	28	25	
Higham	7	5	2	4	22	
Railway Tavern	8	3	5	3	41	
Chequers	7	3	4	2	34	
Lovers Hat	7	3	4	3	33	
Plough and Harrow	8	2	6	2	43	
Sutton Cons.	8	1	7	3	42	